

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal panel including a liquid crystal layer of liquid crystal molecules sealed between a pair of substrates having alignment films ~~formed on surfaces thereof~~, each of the alignment films comprising:

a first deposited layer formed of deposited molecules of an inorganic material by oblique deposition, the liquid crystal molecules being aligned perpendicular to the orientation of the deposited molecules of the first deposited layer, and

a second deposited layer formed of deposited molecules of an inorganic material by oblique deposition, the liquid crystal molecules being aligned parallel to the orientation of the deposited molecules of the second deposited layer,

wherein the second deposited layer is approximately 0.25-1.25% the thickness of the first layer, and is stacked on top of the first deposited layer such that the deposited molecules of the first deposited layer are aligned substantially perpendicular to the orientation of the deposited molecules of the second deposited layer ;

and wherein said alignment layers provide a pre-tilt angle of the liquid crystal molecules relative to the substrate of approximately 5°-12°.

2. (Original) The liquid crystal panel according to Claim 1, wherein the first deposited layer is formed by oblique deposition which supplies deposited molecules at an angle of about 60° relative to the normal of the corresponding substrate and the second

deposited layer is formed by oblique deposition which supplies deposited molecules at an angle of about 85° relative to the normal of the corresponding substrate.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a liquid crystal panel including a liquid crystal layer of liquid crystal molecules sealed between a pair of substrates having alignment films formed on surfaces thereof, the method comprising:

a first step of forming a first deposited layer of deposited molecules on the substrates by oblique deposition, the liquid crystal molecules being aligned perpendicular to the orientation of the deposited molecules, and

a second step of forming a second deposited layer of deposited molecules over the first deposited layer by oblique deposition where the deposited molecules are supplied onto the substrates in a direction shifted by about 90° from the oblique deposition direction in the first step, the liquid crystal molecules being aligned parallel to the orientation of the deposited molecules,

wherein the second deposited layer is approximately 0.25-1.25% the thickness of the first layer, and is stacked on the first deposited layer to form an alignment film;

and wherein said alignment layers provide a pre-tilt angle of the liquid crystal molecules relative to the substrate of approximately 5° - 12° .

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the first step comprises oblique deposition supplying the deposited molecules at an angle of about 60° relative to the normal of the substrates and the second step comprises oblique deposition

supplying the deposited molecules at an angle of about 85° relative to the normal of the substrates.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) The liquid crystal panel of claim 1, wherein the first layer has a thickness of approximately 40nm and the second layer has a thickness of approximately 0.1 – 0.5nm.

6. (New) The method for manufacturing a liquid crystal panel of claim 3, wherein the first layer has a thickness of approximately 40nm and the second layer has a thickness of approximately 0.1 – 0.5nm.